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LETTER DATED 27 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that American forces are persisting in their violations of Iraqi territory and their gross encroachments on the sovereignty and security of Iraq. At 1410 hours on 20 April 1991, 11 Chinook aircraft landed foreign forces estimated at one infantry battalion, with complete arms and equipment and supported by four helicopters, in the restricted area between the Iraqi districts of Tall Akbar and Dar Hawzan. At 1630 hours on the same day, four large transporter vehicles carrying American soldiers entered Iraqi territory from Turkey along the road from Ibrahim al-Khalil to Zakho, driving up to the Ibrahim al-Khalil checkpoint and then entering Iraqi territory.

These operations constitute a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and an act of overt intervention in its internal affairs, for the purpose of undermining its security and internal stability. In informing you of these violations, I request that you take whatever measures are required to halt them in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
